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Commissioner Jane E. Henney
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

Killing bacteria, saving lives, making food better is what irradiation does. I agree with the FDA's decision to allow foods to be irradiated. If it weren't for irradiation people would be throwing up after they eat because of food poisoning. Do you feel comfortable knowing that every time you eat there is a lot of bacteria in your food? With irradiation most of that bacteria will be killed. In the following I will be giving you evidence on why we should keep irradiation.

Irradiation makes it safe for fruits to be imported from different countries. Weekly Farm says, "Irradiation kills the disease in fruits such as the Mediterranean fruit fly." Health and Fitness says, "Food poisoning can be caused by the diseases in the food from other countries."

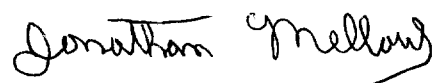
Farmers are limited to their local markets because the bacteria in the food that causes sickness will become worse with the time it takes to go beyond the local markets. Weekly Farms says, "Irradiation plants must be built to kill diseases so farmers aren't so limited to their local markets." Health and Fitness says, "Irradiation can extend shelf life."

Weekly Farm says farmers have no choice but to use irradiation because bacteria is spreading into different foods. Farmers now can make a life farming because of irradiation. See how irradiation can save a farmer's business by killing everything bad in the food, such as diseases and bacteria?

I've had food poisoning before, it stinks!!! It can happen to anyone if they eat somewhere where the food has a lot of bacteria in it. Have you ever had food poisoning? If so, you'll know to keep irradiation.

Many people agree with irradiation, such as John Glen, who had food that was irradiated on his last space journey. It can save many people's lives, maybe even mine or yours. In conclusion, please keep irradiation, it can make a difference.

Sincerely,

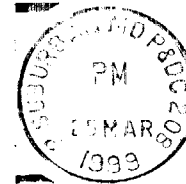


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